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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.- Known as "The Voice of Wrigley Field," Wayne Messmer, a 1972 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, was one of four people inducted into the 2010 Signature Sinfonian class of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia on July 7.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, which is the oldest and largest music fraternity for men, recognizes alumni members who have achieved a high standard of accomplishment in their field or profession.

Daniel Krueger, director of alumni engagement for the fraternity, says "While Phi Mu Alpha is a music fraternity, we have members whose professional accomplishments continue within and beyond the field of music. The Signature Sinfonian award recognizes these members for a lifetime of excellence. It is truly an honor to have... Messmer represent the ideals of our fraternity through his personal and professional accomplishments."

Messmer, of Glenview, Ill., is the public address announcer for the Chicago Cubs. He sings *The Star-Spangled Banner* before Cubs games. Messmer also sings prior to many Chicago Wolves American Hockey League games and is part owner of the Chicago Wolves. And, for many years, he sang for the Chicago Blackhawks, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Sting.

For more information on the Signature Sinfonian award, go to: www.sinfonia.org/alumni/default.asp. For additional information on Messmer, contact Krueger at Krueger@sinfonia.org.

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